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For Recycling Commodities

Kentucky Recycling Assistance Section

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## RAS Participates in Resource Recycling Conference in Louisville

Members of the Recycling Assistance Section (RAS) Ricky Solomon, Tom Heil, Shannon Powers, and J.R. Holt, along with Branch Manager Gary Logsdon, participated in the 2013 Resource Recycling Conference held at the Downtown Marriott August 26-28.

RAS staff volunteered during sessions as the Q & A card distributors and timekeepers for various sessions on recycling industry topics, such as *Policy Opportunities for Packaging and Printed Paper*, *Recovered Paper Markets: Today and Tomorrow*, *The State of Aluminum Markets*, *The Outlook for PE and PET* and *Getting a Handle of Economic Impacts Studies*.

The conference provided RAS staff with excellent networking opportunities and the chance to show off the success of the section's various programs. Manning the RAS booth outside of the Exhibition Hall, RAS staff fielded questions concerning the recycling grants, household hazardous waste grants, the e-Scrap contract and Waste Tire Fund.

## NAIMA Reports Insulation Industry Busy Repurposing Recycled Glass

According to *Resource Recycling*, the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA) surveyed manufacturers in the United States and Canada and found that nearly 2 billion pounds of discarded glass was repurposed to make insulation products.

The study found U.S. insulation companies used 1.6 billion pounds of old glass, while their Canadian counterparts repurposed 300 million pounds of the material.

The trade group expects usage of recycled glass to increase slightly within the insulation industry during 2013.

For more information on this study and/or NAIMA, please visit <http://www.naima.org>.

## Recovered Plastics Exports Down for the First Half of 2013

Although it was still down for the first half of 2013, the sharp downturn of plastics exports became a bit less steep in June of this year, according to *Resource Recycling*.

At 329.06 million pounds, the volume of plastic scrap exported in June dipped 1.6 percent from its May standing. When matched against June 2012 levels, the volume of exports was down, as well, by 4.3 percent.

The weighted price of recovered plastic exports in June, at 21.24 cents per pound, was down 4.4 percent from its May standing. When compared to its year-over-year level the price was flat, up slightly by 0.4 percent.

Through the first half of 2013, at 2.04 billion pounds, the volume of recovered plastics exported was down 6.8 percent from 2012. And, at 20.37 cents per pound, the average price through June was down 4.9 percent from its standing for the first half of 2012.

## Creative Recycling Systems

The e-Scrap contract period for January 2009 through August 2013 brought the total pounds collected to 13,114,470 lbs. or 6,557 net tons. Reimbursements climbed to \$502,247.66, with charges of \$135,353.34. The net revenue to generators for the period was \$366,515.17.

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COMMODITY	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Sep-12
<b><u>PAPER-\$/TON</u></b>	<b>Official Board Markets (Chicago area) FOB</b>							
-	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Sep-12
#2 mixed paper	\$55-60	\$55-60	\$50-55	\$45-50	\$40-45	\$35-40	\$35-40	\$35-40
#37 sorted office paper (SOP)	\$135-145	\$135-140	\$125-130	\$120-125	\$120-125	\$120-125	\$120-125	\$155-165
#6 ONP	\$15-20	\$15-20	\$15-20	\$15-20	\$10-15	\$15-20	\$10-15	\$15-20
#8 ONP	\$65-70	\$65-70	\$60-65	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$60-65
#40 sorted white ledger (SWL)	\$205-215	\$205-215	\$200-210	\$200-210	\$200-210	\$200-210	\$200-210	\$220-230
#11 OCC	\$90-100	\$90-100	\$85-90	\$85-90	\$90-95	\$95-100	\$90-100	\$60-65
<b><u>PLASTICS-¢/LB.</u></b>	<b>Market sources serving KY &amp; Waste and Recycling News Commodity Pricing - FOB</b>							
-	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Sep-12
#1 PET - mixed (clear & green)	\$0.22	\$0.21	\$0.20	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.19
#2 HDPE (natural-milk jugs)	\$0.33	\$0.34	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.36	\$0.38	\$0.31
#2 HDPE (colored-detergent btls.)	\$0.26	\$0.27	\$0.21	\$0.19	\$0.17	\$0.16	\$0.18	\$0.25
<b><u>GLASS-\$/TON</u></b>	<b>Waste and Recycling News Commodity Pricing - Delivered</b>							
-	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Sep-12
clear (flint)	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$32.00
brown (amber)	\$21.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
green	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
<b><u>METALS</u></b>	<b>Waste and Recycling News Commodity Pricing - Delivered</b>							
-	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Sep-12
aluminum beverage cans (UBC) cents/lb.	\$0.76	\$0.77	\$0.76	\$0.75	\$0.72	\$0.71	\$0.73	\$0.71
	<b>Waste and Recycling News Commodity Pricing - Delivered</b>							
	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Sep-12
steel cans \$/TON	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120



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